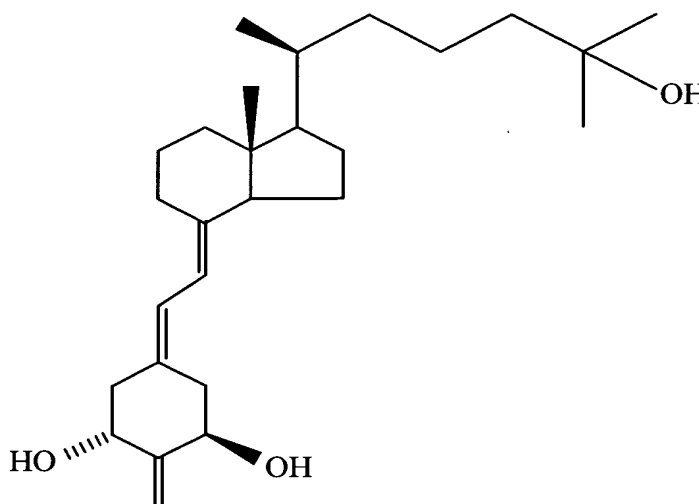


Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A method of increasing the life expectancy of a female human being lacking estrogen comprising administering to a female human being an effective amount of 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ having the formula:



7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ is administered orally.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ is administered parenterally.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ is administered transdermally.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ is administered in a dosage of from about 0.01 μ g/day to about 100 μ g/day.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said female human being is a post-menopausal female human being.

12 - 16 (Cancelled)

17 -22. (Canceled)